



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.5. Weather conditions are drier with scattered precipitation in parts of the State. Some crops are showing drought stress. Farming activities for the week included getting equipment ready for the corn harvest, scouting for plant bugs in cotton, and making hay.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/11/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	12	39	47	2
Subsoil	8	31	61	-

- Represents zero.

### CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 08/11/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	2	5	32	51	10
Cotton	-	1	11	83	5
Hay, Alfalfa	-	1	36	56	7
Hay, Other	1	10	39	42	8
Peanuts	-	-	6	79	15
Soybeans	1	5	30	52	12
Tobacco, Burley	-	3	39	56	2
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	3	52	41	4
Tobacco, Flue-cured	2	10	41	38	9
Pasture	3	19	41	33	4

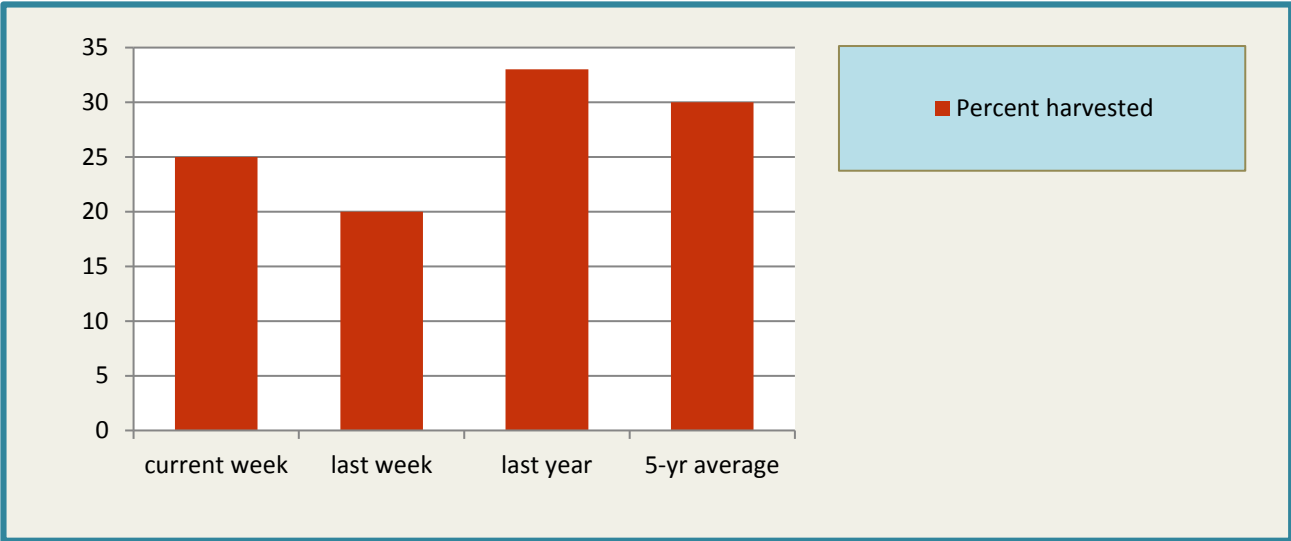
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### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/11/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	25	20	33	30
Corn silking	96	94	94	-
Corn dough	85	79	79	72
Corn dented	61	46	52	44
Corn mature	10	3	4	-
Corn for silage harvested	18	2	8	-
Cotton setting bolls	78	62	73	80
Peanuts pegging	100	91	93	91
Soybeans blooming	81	69	66	60
Soybeans setting pods	50	44	41	36
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	35	26	23	22

-Represents data not available.

APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/11/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 11, 2019

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Aug. 10	Mar. 1 to Aug. 10 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	88	65	90	63	77	2	2822	2503	0.06	9.54	0.19	26.84	-0.54
Norfolk	88	71	92	69	80	2	3315	2749	5.16	14.47	3.91	33.22	4.08
Richmond	90	69	94	66	79	2	3163	2718	0.29	12.39	2.72	32.77	5.47
Roanoke	89	68	90	66	78	2	2968	NA	0.00	10.49	1.61	28.23	1.35
Wash/Dulles	91	64	93	58	77	1	2752	NA	0.39	5.56	-3.26	25.45	-0.25

\* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

**REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY –** Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

A few spotty showers were not enough to keep up with crop demand. Some crops are showing drought stress. The first corn silage was chopped last week. Some haymaking took place this past week.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Corn and soybeans are doing well. Hay is doing well enough. Most pastures are showing the summer slump, some show significant damage from overgrazing. Jointhead Arthraxon is present in every pasture having expanded beyond low/shaded areas, in some instances it covers large areas. Japanese Stiltgrass is thriving, but mostly restricted to woody/shaded areas.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Summer heat and limited thunderstorm activity this week contributed to a slight decline in overall crop conditions with some parts of Rockbridge showing the early signs of drought stress.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Cool mornings, hot afternoons. A few short showers.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Droughty conditions have been tough on all crops and pasture this week.

APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)

Dry conditions really took their toll on all crops last week. Grass suffered the worse and became crunchy when walking across pastures and hay fields. Drier areas in soybean fields became very evident visually during the hot afternoons. Corn plants seemed to show drying as well. The majority of the cigar tobacco has been harvested and dark tobacco harvest is underway.

## **SOUTHERN**

### **LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)**

Things are dry.

### **FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)**

Franklin County is dry, rain is still hit or miss. Farmers are starting to chop corn silage in the county. Hay was being made last week. Dry conditions will hinder regrowth of hay fields.

## **SOUTHEASTERN**

### **GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

Growers are readying equipment for corn harvest. Scouting and spraying for plant bugs in cotton is ongoing. The 10 day forecast lacks a high chance of rain and will certainly add stress to all crops.

### **CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

A good week of weather for crops. Farmers scouting soybeans for worms, other insect pests and diseases. No major pest problems to report. Also focusing on preparing combines for corn harvest. Summer produce is in abundance at farmers markets.

### **BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

A few thunderstorms mid-week slowed a few things down. Soybeans are blooming. Tobacco harvest is coming along.